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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force

1. The survey of the Logistics Office scheduled today covered the Transportation Division, the Real Estate and Construction Division, the Technical Inspection and Review Staff, and a final discussion with Jim Garrison. All of the briefings and discussions went smoothly, and I believe Colonel Miller was well satisfied. The most significant points observed are presented below.

2. Colonel Miller questioned each of the several Service officers regarding his tour of duty with CIA. He was interested in the following points:

- a. How they happened to be assigned to CIA.
- b. Whether their jobs were commensurate with their rank.
- c. Whether they believed their CIA service would help or hurt them careerwise.
- d. Whether a civilian could perform their duties equally well.

3. It is interesting to note that every officer questioned today and previously in the other Logistics components has expressed satisfaction with his assignment, his duties and thought the experience would be useful in his career. With the exception of those who were engaged in high level liaison with the Armed Services, the consensus, however, seemed to be that civilians with proper experience and technical qualifications could perform equally well.

4. In today's briefings Colonel Miller seemed to be particularly interested in checking upon the technical qualifications of the Division and Branch Heads. The years of specialized experience of those questioned seemed to impress the Colonel most favorably.

5. Another area of persistent inquiry concerned the percentage of effort, dollars, or manpower expended in support of the DD/P area relative to the balance of the Agency. The replies ranged from 75 percent to 99 percent. This line of inquiry culminated in a statement: "Wouldn't it be better if you (Administration, I presume) just moved in with DD/P and had just a small service organization to provide the basic services to Headquarters?" This comment apparently reflects Colonel Miller's

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consistently expressed belief that CIA should have a Headquarters Commandant in charge of all basic Headquarters services. Mr. Garrison very effectively pointed out the major difficulties and disadvantages of such an arrangement, and I believe Colonel Miller is being weaned away from his original concept.

6. During lunch Colonel Miller made some highly significant comments to me which perhaps explain his hostility to CIA's conduct of cold warfare operations. As nearly as I can recall, his exact words were as follows:

"I don't think you people realize the extent of the criticism directed at CIA. It's directed entirely against your cold war activities. I honestly think your cold war operations will ultimately destroy CIA. They are like a parasite on a host and will ultimately kill him. You should be allowed to do your real job, intelligence correlation. The Department of Defense will never be satisfied until they have control of your cold war activities."



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